

SMOKE SIGNALS

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Administration's Message

Dear Residents:

Happy Spring! I think we are all ready to put away our winter coats and shovels this year. Because of all the trees and birds in our village, it is especially beautiful watching Indian Head Park transition into spring. Enjoy everything this time of year has to offer.

Thank you to all who participated in the 2010 Census. The Census states Indian Head Park has 3,809 residents, which is 124 more residents than stated in 2000. Because we receive revenue sharing from the State, this increase will result in approximately \$10,000 more in revenue per year. We will also receive about \$3,500 in motor fuel tax funds and around \$1,000 from the Illinois Use Tax. We are currently reviewing the Census information to determine if we should appeal to boost our population numbers even more. The more people we have, the more revenue we receive.

We would like to report on the status of the Joliet Road (Vulcan Materials) settlement. The State of Illinois settled the suit for about \$40 million. The State has committed to spend the money in the local area impacted by the Joliet Road closure. Hodgkins, McCook, and Countryside will likely get a large share, but Mayor Rich Andrews, Trustee Norm

Schnauffer, and Trustee Carol Coleman have been attending workshops with IDOT officials regarding local projects. Mayor Andrews and the Village Board of Trustees want to insure Indian Head Park gets a share of the revenue for use in our town.

The 2011 Indian Head Park Easter Egg Hunt will take place on Saturday, April 23 at 11:00 at Blackhawk Park. Festivities will include the annual Easter egg hunt and a special visit from the Easter Bunny. Don't forget to bring empty Easter baskets and a camera to document this exciting tradition.

Although summer still seems a long way off, if anyone is contemplating a summer building project that may require a zoning variation, we recommend working toward this now so a project could be ready to move forward when the warm weather finally arrives. Title 17 Zoning and Title 15 Building of our municipal code are available on our updated website at www.indianheadpark-il.gov.

Sincerely,
Trustee Matthew P. Walsh

Meet the Candidates — April 5, 2011 Election

Richard S. Andrews, Village President Candidate

Mayor Andrews has quite an extensive record of public and community service; as well as a record of academic accomplishment.

Village resident for 33 years;

Occupation: Attorney;

Graduate of St. Rita H.S.; George Williams College, B.A. — Economics/Management Studies; Juris Doctorate with High Honors, IIT Chicago-Kent College of Law;

Mayor / Village President, 2007 to present;

Trustee, IHP Village Board of Trustees, 1993 to 1995; and 1999 to 2007;

Member of the Zoning Board of Appeals from 1987 to 1991;

First Chairman of Planning & Zoning Commission from 1991 to 1993;

Member and Chairman, Planning & Zoning Commission, 1996 to 1999;

Guest Lecturer re: Labor Law at Northern Illinois University

College of Law, annually; re: collective bargaining at Lewis University.

Served as president, vice-president, and secretary for the Dads Club of Immaculate Heart of Mary H.S., Westchester, IL 1996-1999;

Coordinator, Charity Auction, Immaculate Heart of Mary H.S., 1997 and 1998;

Coach, Youth Soccer Programs, Pleasantdale Park District, 1993 to 1997;

Coach, Youth Soccer Programs, Rich Port YMCA, 1993 and 1994;

Volunteer Soccer Referee, AYSO Region 300, 1999 to 2007; IHSA 2005 to present

Co-leader, St. Cletus Cub Scouts, Den 1, 1991-1993.

Joseph V. Consolo, Village Clerk Candidate

I have been Village Clerk since October of 2005. I have been a Village resident since 2004. I have been employed by the Cook County Sheriff's Office for about twenty years as an attorney. I handle labor and disciplinary matters in addition to various issues involving Corrections and alternatives to Corrections. In my spare time, I volunteer as a Shriner clown by helping and entertaining kids.

Brian T. Bailey, Trustee Candidate

Brian T. Bailey was born and raised in the western suburbs. He is a 1982 graduate of Fenwick High School in Oak Park. Thereafter, he attended Creighton University in Omaha, Nebraska, where he graduated in 1986, and Loyola University of Chicago School of Law, where he obtained his law degree in 1989.

Since his graduation from law school, Bailey has been involved in a nationwide litigation practice. He has appeared and tried cases in courtrooms throughout the country. He has also written manuals to assist lawyers, and lectured, on the law in the State of Illinois. As part of his practice, he has represented numerous municipalities, park districts, school districts, and municipal officials. Several years ago he and his wife, Julie, opened Bailey & Bailey, a law firm with office in Chicago and Burr Ridge.

In 1991, Brian and Julie were married. They moved to Indian Head Park in 2001, where they are now raising their four children. Katie is a sophomore at Northwestern

University in the Honors Program in Medical Education. Billy is a sophomore at Fenwick High School. Patrick is a seventh grader at Pleasantdale Middle School. Jane is a third grader at Pleasantdale Elementary School.

Since moving to Indian Head Park, Brian has volunteered in a number of different ways, including serving for several years as a Commissioner on the Indian Head Park Planning and Zoning Commission. He has also served as a Cub Scout den leader, assisted in the children's liturgy at church, coached girl's and boy's basketball and soccer teams at Pleasantdale Park District, served as a board member and managed and coached in the Pleasantdale Little League, and managed in the Burr Ridge Willowbrook Girl's Softball League.

Brian was elected as a Village Trustee in Indian Head Park in 2007, and continues every day serving the residents of the Village.

Norman L. Schnauffer, Trustee Candidate

Norman L. Schnauffer served as Village Clerk of Indian Head Park for ten and one half years and was appointed Trustee in October, 2005 to fill a vacancy on the Board of Trustees. He was elected to a full four year term as Trustee in April, 2007 and is now a candidate for Trustee in the Tuesday, April 5, 2011 Consolidated Election. He has lived in the LaGrange-Western Springs Indian Head Park area for almost fifty years, the last thirty six years in the Wilshire Green Condominiums in Indian Head Park. He is married and has three step-children.

Mr. Schnauffer is retired from International Harvester Company (now Navistar, Inc.) where he worked for many years in the Transportation Department. At the time of his

retirement he was Supervisor of Transportation Pricing. Prior to that he worked for the former C.B. & Q. Railroad for several years and served in the U.S. Army and U.S. Army Reserves. He attended Gem City Business College, Quincy, Illinois, College of DuPage, Glen Ellyn, Illinois, Northwestern University, Chicago and is a graduate of the College of Advanced Traffic, Chicago. He has served on numerous church and condominium boards and committees, and currently is Treasurer of a condominium board. He also has been a member of the Western Springs/Indian Head Park Aging Well Initiative Team for several years.

Matthew P. Walsh II, Trustee Candidate

Matthew Walsh was born and raised on the south side of Chicago and is a 1985 graduate of Marist High School. In 1989, Mr. Walsh graduated from Bradley University with a bachelor of science in business, and in 1992 he obtained his law degree from IIT Chicago-Kent College of Law. Matthew Walsh is a capital partner in the law firm of Hinshaw & Culbertson which is a Chicago based national law firm of over 400 lawyers in 21 offices nationwide. Mr. Walsh's practice focuses on both federal and state complex litigation in the areas of construction, medical malpractice, employment, commercial and municipal. He is an experienced trial lawyer having tried 28 jury trial to verdict. Prior to joining Hinshaw & Culbertson, Mr. Walsh served for seven years in the Cook

County State's Attorney's office as a prosecutor. Mr. Walsh tried hundreds of felony and misdemeanor cases ranging from traffic violations to murder. Mr. Walsh is licensed to practice law in the State of Illinois, the United State's District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, and the United State's Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals. Mr. Walsh was appointed to serve as Commissioner on the Indian Head Park Planning and Zoning Commission in 1999, and in July 2001 he was appointed Village Trustee to complete the unexpired term of Helen Harper. He was then re-elected Village Trustee in 2003 and 2007. Matthew Walsh currently resides in Indian Head Park with his wife Cathy and their two children.

Christian Metz, Trustee Candidate

Family:

Married to Joan Metz
Daughter Liesel 15, sophomore at Lyons Township
High School
Daughter Tessa 14, 8th grader at LaGrange Highlands
Middle School
Son Aidan 11, 5th grader at LaGrange Highlands
Elementary School
Daughter Sophia 10, 4th grader at LaGrange Highlands
Elementary School

Education:

Graduate of Fenwick High School
B.S. in Communication, University of
Wisconsin-Stevens Point
Certified as a LEED AP (Leadership in Energy and
Environmental Design Accredited Professional)

Occupation:

Regional Sales Manager at Rauch Clay Sales Corporation

Professional:

Current Co-Vice Chair of the Ceramic Glazed Masonry
Institute
Affiliate member of the American Institute of Architects –
Chicago
Affiliate member of the Association of Licensed Architects

Member of the United States Green Building Council,
Chicago Chapter
Past President of the Illinois Concrete Products Association

Civic:

Co-Chair of the School District 106 Parent Teacher Council
Brick Paver Fundraising Committee
Former Board Member of the LaGrange Highlands School
District 106 Educational Foundation
Former Coach for Lyons Township Little League
Former Cook County Elections Judge

Arbor Day Announcement

The Village of Indian Head Park will celebrate Arbor Day with a tree planting ceremony on Friday, April 29, 2011, at 3:30 p.m. at the north end of Blackhawk Park located on Cascade Drive. Public Works personnel will demonstrate the correct way to prune and plant trees and discuss the benefits of mulching and removal of non-native plants. Tree seedlings will be distributed to those in attendance. For more information visit the National Arbor Day Foundation website at: www.arborday.org.



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Village Board of Trustees 7:30 p.m.:

Thursday, April 14, 2011

Thursday, May 12, 2011

Planning and Zoning Commission 7:30 p.m.:

Tuesday, April 12, 2011

Fire/Police Commission 7:00 p.m.:

Thursday, May 5, 2011

E-911 Board 6:30 p.m.:

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Smoke Signals is published by the Village of Indian Head Park to inform its residents of present activities in the village and the ever-growing plans for the future in the pursuit of better government and good citizenship.

Teepee Topics news items should be submitted to the Newsletter Coordinator at the Municipal Offices.

Full page advertisements - \$200.00, 1/2 page advertisements - \$125.00, 3 1/2" x 3 1/2" size advertisements - \$75.00, business card size advertisements - \$45.00, trading post advertisements - \$20.00 (no commercial advertisements - the advertisement will run two times at no cost, then a \$20.00 charge).

Extra copies and back issues (up to one year) of *Smoke Signals* can be obtained at the Village Hall.

Deadline date for the next issue is April 18, 2011.
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Anne Bermier Matthew P. Walsh II

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Fire Dept.

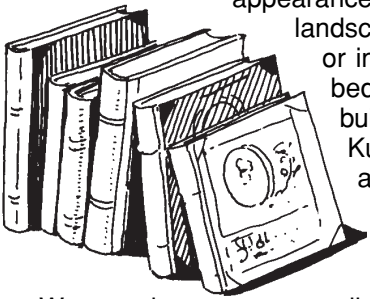
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Heritage Center Library

The Village is seeking volunteers to help improve the appearance around the building through landscaping. If you are a gardener or interested in planting a flower bed in a section around the building, please contact Jane Kuhn. Book donations are always appreciated and may be contributed at the Municipal Facility located at 201 Acacia Drive.

Want to share a great reading experience at the Heritage Center? There are many books available for children of all ages as well as adults. The hours are: Saturdays 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and Sundays from 12:00 noon to 3:00 p.m. Storytime will take place on Saturday mornings for children under eight years of age. If you would like to help or have any suggestions, please contact Jane Kuhn at (708) 246-0293.



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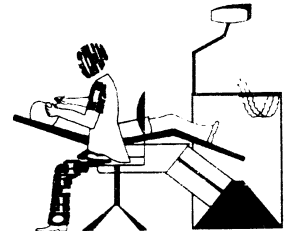
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TEEPEE TOPICS



Gabrielle Walsh, of 7233 Flagg Creek Drive, Indian Head Park (Chestnut on the Green) has been inducted into the prestigious Golden Key International Honour Society. Membership is by invitation only to top students based on academic achievement, leadership, and service to the community. The International Honour Society has 190 chapters at colleges and universities in 190 Countries and maintains membership in ACHS (Association of College Honor Societies) and NCHS (National Collegiate Honors Council.) Honorary members include President Ronald Reagan, Elie Wiesel, and Colin Powell. Ms. Walsh who will graduate this spring is a graduate of Lyons Township High School Class of 2007 and was the recipient of the Indian Head Park Women's Club Scholarship.

Valentina Brazis submitted the following note of thanks to several neighbors in Indian Head Park: "On the one year anniversary of my late dear husband Zigma Brazis' passing, I would like to thank my dear friends and neighbors of Indian Head Park for their moral and spiritual support. For that you have touched my heart and soul, and I am very grateful to: Sandy and John Adams, Sharon and Andy Allison, Dr. E. Deckys, Lutka Derka, Sue and David Dodge, Dr. Martha Herda, Rima and Don Hoak, Virginia Holt, Noel and Rick Kostecky, Karen and Mario Licitra, Rebecca & Scot Minton, Gretchen and Bill McCaw, Dr. Mariana Stevens, Ann & Ray Waters. Always your friend, Valentina Brazis".

The Hinsdale/Burr Ridge Aging Well community action team invites you to their Spring 2011.... "Ask the Expert - Clean House & De-Clutter Workshop". Spring is in the air and now is the time to think about spring cleaning and how to de-clutter your home. Learn how to make a system that works for you and how to design workable spaces. Topics will

include: de-cluttering to downsize, how to get started and what to sell. Other speakers will include staff from the Willowbrook Goodwill Store who will speak about the benefits of giving away your unwanted items and how they are used to benefit others. Staff from the Courtyard Resale Shop in Hinsdale will talk about the appraisal process. The Workshop will be held on Tuesday, April 12, 2011 from 9:30 a.m. to noon at the Community House in Hinsdale at 415 West 8th Street. The fee is \$7.00 payable on the date of the event and the workshop includes a hot buffet lunch of baked chicken, Bobak's polish sausage and side dishes. Participants must pre-register by calling the Community House at (630)323-7500 by Thursday, April 7th.

For the April 5, 2011 Consolidated Election, the Cook County Clerk's Office will be conducting early voting during the period of March 14th through March 31st. Early voting will be taking place only at selected locations designated and as posted on the Cook County Clerk's Office Website at www.cookcountyclerk.com.

Tom Walls of Indian Head Park and owner of The Thomas Patrick Walls Company, has been awarded the prestigious 2010 Angie's List Super Service Award, an honor bestowed annually on approximately 5 percent of all companies rated on the nation's leading provider of consumer reviews on local service companies. This is the 4th year in a row that the company has earned the award. The Thomas Patrick Walls Company is a full service general contracting firm. The company specializes in high quality kitchen, bathroom and basement remodeling, as well as complete exterior renovations.

Our condolences to the family and friends of Theresa Zanghi, age 83, of Indian Head Park, who recently passed away.

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